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SUBJECT: CABINET AND OTHER CHANGES ANNOUNCED

1. PRESIDENT AMIN ANNOUNCED NUMBER OF CABINET CHANGES, DISMISSALS AND NEW APPOINTMENTS OCT. 10 AND 11, AS DETAILED BELOW.

MAJOR OZI - CHIEF INTELLIGENCE OFFICER, DISMISSED WITH DISGRACE. AMIN SAID DISMISSAL WAS ON RECOMMENDATION OF DEFENSE COUNCIL BECAUSE IT HAD BEEN PROVED THAT ALL SUBVERSIVE ACTIVITIES INCLUDING KIDNAPPING AND KILLING OF PEOPLE WERE CARRIED OUT WITH KNOWLEDGE OF OZI. HE WAS ALSO ISSUING DOCUMENTS TO KONDOS WHO "WENT AROUND CLAIMING THEY WERE FROM THE PRESIDENT'S OFFICE." GENERAL SAID LT. ISE OF MALIRE MECHANIZED REGIMENT HAD ALSO BEEN ARRESTED IN CONNECTION WITH THESE ACTIVITIES AND WOULD BE TRIED BY MILITARY TRIBUNAL.

MAJOR FRANCIS - APPOINTED CHIEF OF INTELLIGENCE AND PROMOTED TO LT. COLONEL.

LT. COL. MICHAEL ONDOGA - AMBASSADOR TO SOVIET UNION,
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APPOINTED MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS.

PAUL ETIANG - ACTING MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, APPOINTED
ACTING MINISTER OF STATE FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS IN OFFICE OF THE
PRESIDENT, REPLACING BYAGAGAIRE.

BYAGAGAIRE - REMAINS AS MINISTER OF PUBLIC SERVICE AND
CABINET AFFAIRS.

OBOOTH-OFUMBI - CONTINUES AS MINISTER WITHOUT PORTFOLIO AND
CHAIRMAN OF VALUATION COMMITTEE FOR EX-ASIAN AND BRITISH PROPERTIES.

ORYEMA - RESUMES POST AS MINISTER OF MINERALS AND WATER
RESOURCES.

BAKIBINGE - ACTING MINISTER OF MINERALS AND WATER RESOURCES,
RETURNS TO HIS POST AS PERM SEC OF THAT MINISTRY.

GERIA - ACTING MINISTER OF FINANCE, RETURNS TO HIS POST AS
SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY, BUT WILL CONTINUE TO RUN FINANCE
MINISTRY UNTIL NEW MINISTER IS APPOINTED.

ATHIYO - ACTING MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY, BECOMES
MINISTER OF SAME MINISTRY.

DR. GESA - MINISTER OF HEALTH, RETIRED WITH FULL GRATUITY.

LT. COL. OBITRE-GAMA - MINISTER OF POWER AND COMMUNICATIONS,
RETIRED.

LUTARA - MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY, RETIRED.

WILLIAM NABURRI - MINISTER OF INFORMATION, RETIRED.

FABIANO OKWAARE - MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND FORESTRY, RETIRED.

(PRESIDENT SAID THE ABOVE FOUR WERE RETIRED BECAUSE THEY
OBTAINED SEVERAL BUSINESSES TO WHICH THEY WERE DEVOTING MOST
OF THEIR GOVERNMENT TIME.)

WILLIAM RWETSIBA - EAST AFRICAN MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS,
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RESEARCH AND SOCIAL SERVICES, RECALLED TO UGANDA WITH IMMEDIATE
EFFECT, TO BE ASSIGNED NEW DUTIES.

OKOTH OTHIENO - SECRETARY TO MINISTRY OF DEFENSE, RETIRED.
GENERAL SAID HE SHOULD BECOME A FULL-TIME BUSINESSMAN AS HE
ACQUIRED SEVERAL BUSINESSES, INCLUDING INDUSTRIES, WHICH HE HAS
BEEN UNABLE TO MANAGE.

LT. COL. OMARIA - CO, MUBENDE BATTALION, RETIRED BECAUSE HE ACQUIRED SEVERAL BUSINESSES, INCLUDING A TEA ESTATE, SHOPS AND AN INTEREST IN COFFEE INDUSTRY. TEA ESTATE WILL BE TAKEN AWAY FROM HIM AND GIVEN TO POOR UGANDANS TO RUN AS A CO-OPERATIVE.

MICHAEL EMOJONG - ACTING MINISTER OF INFORMATION, RESUMES POST AS PERM SEC OF SAME MINISTRY. AMIN ANNOUNCED HE WAS TAKING PERSONAL CHARGE OF THIS MINISTRY UNTIL HE HAS BEEN ABLE TO RESHUFFLE IT.

OSEKU - ACTING CHIEF OF PROTOCOL, CONFIRMED IN THIS POSITION.

DR. RWAKIHEMBO - ACTING MINISTER OF HEALTH, RETURNS TO POST AS PERM SEC OF SAME MINISTRY.

DR. KASIRYE - MEDICAL SUPERINTENDENT, MULAGO HOSPITAL, RETIRED "IN PUBLIC INTEREST."

KOBEL - ACTING PERM SEC, MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY, TRANSFERRED TO STATE TRADING CORPORATION.

EMMANUEL WAKHWEYA - IS STILL MINISTER OF FINANCE, BUT DEFENSE COUNCIL IS STILL "CONSIDERING HIS POSITION VERY SERIOUSLY BECAUSE THERE IS A QUESTION MARK ON HIS NAME."

KABANDA - SWORN IN AS DIRECTOR OF PLANNING BECAUSE HE WILL SIT IN CABINET MEETINGS SOMETIMES AND WILL BE HANDLING TOP SECRET DOCUMENTS AND PAPERS. HE WILL ALSO EARN A MINISTER'S SALARY BECAUSE OF THE GREAT RESPONSIBILITY HE WILL BE HOLDING.

SEMYANO KIINGI - DISMISSED GOVERNOR OF BANK OF UGANDA, HAD HIS LEAVE TERMINATED OCT. 11, WAS CALLED IN TO SEE GENERAL AMIN, WHO APPOINTED HIM TO NEW POSITION OF MINISTER OF STATE FOR LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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FINANCE. (WHILE WAITING TO SEE AMIN AT COMMAND POST OCT. 11, I CHATTED WITH KIINGI, WHO WAS ALSO WAITING TO SEE GENERAL. HE WAS EXTREMELY NERVOUS, SAID ALW HE WANTED TO DO WAS RETIRE, AND HAD NO IDEA WHAT AMIN MIGHT HAVE IN MIND FOR HIM.)

AKISOFERI OGOLA - CHARGE IN BRUSSELS, WAS APPOINTED AMBASSADOR TO FRANCE, BELGIUM, ITALY, AND GENEVA.

YUNUSU HALID KINENE - SENIOR SECRETARY IN FOREIGN MINISTRY, NAMED AMBASSADOR TO LATIN AMERICAN AND CARIBBEAN COUNTRIES.

PAULO MUWANGA - AMBASSADOR TO FRANCE, RECALLED.

2. AMIN EMPHASIZED THAT THESE CHANGES WERE DEFENSE COUNCIL DECISIONS

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SOME OF THOSE RETIRED WILL RECEIVE THEIR GRATUITIES BUT OTHERS WHO HAD ACQUIRED BUSINESSES THROUGH CORRUPTION WILL HAVE THEM TAKEN AWAY AND GIVEN TO OTHER UGANDANS.

3. COMMENT: AMIN HEADS A COUNTRY WITH A LIMITED POOL OF TALENTED LEADERS WHICH HAS BEEN MUCH DIMINISHED IN THE PAST TWO YEARS OWING TO ARRANGED "DISAPPEARANCES" AND POLICIES AND THREATS WHICH HAVE DRIVEN MANY OTHERS INTO EXILE. AMIN USES UP AND DISPOSES OF WHAT TALENT REMAINS AT SUCH A RAPID RATE THAT THE POOL IS ABOUT EXHAUSTED.
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